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**Robin L. Riblet**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Florida 1971 BA; San Diego 1975 JD;  
NYU 1979 LLM  
Began Service: March 30, 1988  
Term Expires: March 2016

**Legal Practice:** Stutman, Treister & Glatt (1979-1988)

**Current Memberships:** American College of Bankruptcy; California Bankruptcy Forum; Federal Bar Association; Financial Lawyers Conference of Southern California; Los Angeles County Bar Association; Santa Barbara Bar Association

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**Kathleen Thompson**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Kansas 1967 BA; UCLA 1980 JD  
Began Service: April 4, 1988  
Term Expires: April 3, 2016

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Calvin K. Ashland, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California (1980-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Associate Attorney, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP (1982-1988)

**Current Memberships:** Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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**Alan M. Ahart**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: UC Berkeley 1970 AB; SUNY (Albany) 1975 JD;  
Pennsylvania 1979 LLM  
Began Service: April 1988  
Term Expires: April 2016

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

**Staff**

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**Ernest M. Robles**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
Education: UC Berkeley 1978 BA;  
Michigan 1981 JD  
Began Service: June 12, 1993  
Term Expires: June 11, 2021  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** Assistant United States Trustee, United States Department of Justice (1988-1993)

**Legal Practice:** Musick, Peeler & Garrett (1981-1982); Hancock, Rothert & Bunshoft (1982-1987); Kornblum & McBride (1987-1988)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum; Los Angeles County Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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**Thomas B. Donovan**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1935  
Education: UC Berkeley 1957 BA;  
Boalt Hall 1962 JD  
Began Service: March 21, 1994  
Term Expires: March 20, 2022

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Covington & Burling LLP (1962-1963); Associate, Dinkelspiel & Dinkelspiel (1964-1969); Partner, Dinkelspiel, Donovan & Reder (1969-1993)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1957-1959)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American College of Bankruptcy; California Bankruptcy Forum; Financial Lawyers Conference of Southern California; Los Angeles County Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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**Erithe A. Smith**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1957  
Education: Loyola Marymount 1979 BA;  
Boalt Hall 1982 JD  
Began Service: May 2, 1994  
Term Expires: May 1, 2022

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Marcus M. Kaufman, California Court of Appeals (1982-1983); Law Clerk The Honorable Peter M. Elliott, United States Bankruptcy Court (1983-1985)

**Legal Practice:** McKittrick, Jackson, DeMarco & Peckenpaugh (1985-1987); Lobel, Winthrop & Broker (1987-1994)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Orange County Bankruptcy Forum

**Staff**

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**Meredith A. Jury**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Colorado 1969 BA;  
Wisconsin 1971 MA, 1972 MS; UCLA 1976 JD  
Began Service: November 24, 1997  
Term Expires: November 2011

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Best Best & Krieger LLP (1976-1997)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association; Riverside County Bar Association; State Bar of California

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Michael Gomez** ..... (951) 774-1045  
Education: UC Berkeley; Loyola Law JD  
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**Ellen Carroll**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: February 1947  
Education: Mundelein 1970 BA;  
U San Francisco 1980 JD  
Began Service: February 1998  
Term Expires: February 2012

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Bankruptcy Judge Lloyd King, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California (1981)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon (1988-1993); Of Counsel, Murphy, Weir and Butler (1993-1998)

**Current Memberships:** National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

**Staff**

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